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FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and
rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

Draft decision submitted by the Gambia

The Governing Council,

Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, which are among the least developed countries, make it necessary for the international community to continue to strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery and rehabilitation efforts, and of the economic development of those countries,

Expressing its deep concern over the severe living conditions of the Sudano-Sahelian people and the continuing critical food situation in the region,

Welcoming the initiative of the Administrator to include the United Nations Trust Fund for Sudano-Sahelian Activities in the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, with a view to expanding and intensifying the mobilization of the resources needed for the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel,

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisive role being played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in helping to combat the effects of the drought through the mobilization of resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS);

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region 1/;

3. Commends the Administrator for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries;

4. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

5. Calls upon all Governments to make special efforts to enable the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), including through voluntary contributions to be made at the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

6. Invites the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) with a view to hasten the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

7. Requests the Administrator to continue to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond effectively to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) through the use of resources available in the Programme, particularly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

8. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.
